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Message of IGD to the CC of UJC :

Dear Friends,

IGD, the organization of progressive youth of Turkey wholeheartedly greets the people, youth and students of CUBA, the host of the 11th World Festival of Youth and Students. On behalf of the entire Turkish youth, we convey our solidarity greetings to the glorious revolutioners of Socialist CUBA.

The organizations of Cuban youth and students, UJC and FEU and their contribution to the development process of the country have always drew the attention and the sympathy of our youth. The gains and achievements of socialism in your country inspires us in the struggle against imperialism and local reaction.

On the occasion of the great event of world youth and students, the 11th Festival, we send you warm greetings of Turkish people and youth who strongly holds the tradition of Cuban Revolution and pays homage to the martyrs of your fight against imperialism.

— Glory to the first socialist state of American continent!

— Long live the anti-imperialist solidarity of the peoples, youth and students!

Central Committee of
Progressive Youth Organization of Turkey



ALL OUR EFFORTS

İGD, the Progressive Youth Organization of Turkey have considered the international anti-imperialist solidarity as a main principle since its foundation, January 1976. In implementation of this exalted task, progressive youth movement in the country embarked upon a new way.

İGD, in these 2,5 years organized many solidarity actions. Concrete mass actions, "No pass to La Esmeralda - torture ship of Pinochet", "Solidarity With Chilean People and Youth", "Solidarity With Cyprus", "Struggle Against Neutron Bomb", "Struggle Against Unemployment" and others grew on the broad platform of the national preparations for the 11th World Festival of Youth and Students.

İGD vanguarded the foundation of NPC in Turkey. Preparational activities became a manifestation of democratic cooperation among different youth organizations. İGD brought the ideals of the festival movement to the broad youth masses of Turkey. The achievements of socialism and the people, youth and students in CUBA was emphasized in those multi-formed activities.

News about the national preparations in different countries the appeals of WFDY, IUS and IPC appeared in fortnightly newspaper "Progressive and Patriotic Youth".

The slogans of festival movement and the symbols covered the city walls. All the local organizations of İGD organized meetings for preparations frequently. The branches in working places and schools organized colorful panels on walls.

İGD theatre and chorus also took an important part in those activities. They sang international songs, showed a play dedicated to 11th Festival in many mass rallies and streets.

The slogans, symbols of the Festival and portraits of the leaders of Cuban revolution rised in recent May Day demonstrations on the hands of Progressive Turkish Youth.

The 1st Congress of İGD, held in İstanbul between May 15-17 was full of the emotion of preparations for the Festival. An evening mass rally was dedicated to 11th Festival.

After İGD-Congress, national preparations organized by NPC gained a remarkable speed. In those activities, İGD took an important part among the other member organizations. NPC of Turkey published a pamphlet about the festivals, postcards, wall-papers and posters with hundred-thousands issue. Those activities strengthened the solidarity among different youth organizations in the country.

We are sure that this great event, 11th World Festival of Youth and Students will be a manifestation of the power of international solidarity, and a honour for World Democratic Youth and Students Movement, for Cuban people, youth, and students and for Turkish Progressive Youth Movement.



The first congress of the Progressive Youth Organization of Turkey in İstanbul between the dates May 15 and 17

— the festival movement be the great progressive and democratic world youth annual independence, democracy and social progress against imperialism, apartheid, fascism and sionism.

— the festival movement be at the basis of the national unity of action.

— the festivals, throughout their history, have formed a struggle of young people, and have formed a deep understanding, cooperation and friendship.

— the carrying out and the realization of the festival movement be a manifestation of internationalist solidarity and open the way to concretizing political inclinations.

Considering the opportunities created by the capital of socialist Cuba, in terms of the forming socialist society in Cuba, the first

— the nationwide preparations be executed and spread amongst our youth,

— the activities of the NPC formed for

— the possibilities of cooperation with organizations at the localities where İGD units exist, to form the preparations into a platform of the festival.

— the festival movement be spread by cultural and artistic demonstrations and exhibitions

— effective struggle be exercised during the student festival against erroneous inclinations, to ensure the national solidarity of world youth or action

— a message be sent to the Cuban youth and students and the Turkish youth and students and the organizing of the festival.

FOR THE FESTIVAL



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solidarity brings victory

SOLIDARITY WITH SOUTH AFRICA

The appeal of WFDY Bureau for solidarity actions with the struggle of African peoples and youth on the occasion of "International Year Against Apartheid" was welcomed by İGD. The President, A. Muhtar Sökücü sent a letter to WFDY Bureau and stated that İGD was and always will be with the fighters of African continent against imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism and racism.

Today we can note with pleasure that, the people and progressive youth of Turkey is extremely aware and vigilant about the maneuvers of imperialism on the black continent. The progressive youth organization of Turkey, İGD will resolutely continue its traditional policy of firm solidarity with the peoples and youth in South Africa fighting for national liberation, economic independence and social progress vanguarded by ANC, SWAPO and Patriotic Front.

With fraternal greetings
Ahmet Muhtar Sökücü
President of İGD.

SOLIDARITY WITH AFGHAN REVOLUTION

National Democratic Revolution in Afghanistan consist a big step forward for peace and progress in the region. The progressive masses in Turkey have welcomed the changes in that country. On a solidarity letter sent to the Revolutionary Government of Afghanistan, the President of İGD, A. Muhtar Sökücü expressed the feelings of Turkish Progressive Youth and Students and condemned the imperialist maneuvers against democratic processes in the region. Demanding further development of equal and multilateral relations between Turkey and Afghanistan, he continued:

"... .."

Esteemed leaders of Afghan Revolution,

We assure you and the entire revolutionary people of Afghanistan who worry about the imperialist designs threatening the peace in the region, that İGD and progressive youth of Turkey is quite certainly ready for the implementation of international anti-imperialist

revolutionary solidarity in all necessary forms and means and will spare no efforts to repulse any imperialist attack against national democratic forces in the region.

We consistently will continue our support to your endeavour to wipe out poverty, hunger, illiteracy and the remnants of feudalism, social and economic backwardness.

Organization of the progressive youth in Turkey, İGD, hails once more the policy declared by Afghan government as adherence to fight for peace, democracy and firm commitment to anti-imperialist struggle.

With fraternal greetings,
Ahmet Muhtar Sökücü
President of İGD.

SOLIDARITY WITH KOREAN PEOPLE and YOUTH

İGD has declared a statement and a message to the Union of Socialist Working Youth of DPR of Korea on the occasion of "International Month of Solidarity With the Korean People and Youth" between June 25 and July 25.

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Korean War has an important place in the course of anti-imperialist struggle in our country. Oppressing classes had forced the country to join NATO while they were sending troops to Korea under the commandship of US imperialists. They directed the blood of the people to serve them as a guarantee of devotion to NATO ringleaders. During that time, the call -"Soldier, do not go to Korea! Not shed blood for the benefits of Yankee imperialists!" echoed in every side of the country. A mass movement rised..."

The progressive youth of Turkey will be a consistent supporter of the struggle for a unified and independent Korea. Reiterating the continuous solidarity with the Korean people and youth to implement the resolutions on Korea adopted by 12th Congress of IUS and 10th General Assembly of WFDY, President of İGD ended the solidarity message sent to the Union of Socialist Working Youth of KDPR:

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We send you, to your organization - on behalf of the Korean democratic republicant youth, from the other side of the world, the warm, the fraternal solidarity greetings of the Progressive Youth of Turkey.

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President of İGD.

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